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# LEGENDS OF THE JUDICIARY



*A Seven Video Retrospective on Arizona's Proud Judicial Tradition*



# **A Tradition of** *Progress*

DANIELS

Arizona's judicial history echoes the pioneering spirit of the first American settlers to break ground in her fertile soil. Though barely a century old, it is an epic story of individuals blazing a trail through seemingly insurmountable obstacles, all in the pursuit of one unifying goal...a better life not only for themselves, or their families, but for *all* Arizonans.

LOCKWOOD

TANG

Join us in a celebration of the lives of seven prominent members of Arizona's judiciary. Learn about the impact their careers have had on not only Arizona's government, but that of the entire nation. The Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET) and the Education Services Division offer a look into the lives of Hons. Hayzel B. Daniels, Lorna Lockwood, Thomas Tang, Valdemar Cordova, William Rehnquist, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Francis X. Gordon., in a compelling video series produced and directed by Hon. Wendy Morton.

CORDOVA

REHNQUIST

The series is available online in the Video Center of the Education Services Division's section of the [azcourts.gov](http://azcourts.gov) website. You may also request a loan copy of the DVD through our Education Resource Library. Contact your local training coordinator today to find out how you can view this program!

O'CONNOR

GORDON

**A Tradition of Progress  
A History of Excellence**

# **A History of** *Excellence*



## HAYZEL B. DANIELS

Hayzel B. Daniels was a stand-out in nearly every field he tackled, from the football field to the courtroom. He was the first African American to attend the University of Arizona law school, the first to be admitted as a lawyer in Arizona and, after being admitted, the only African American attorney in the state for 12 years. Hayzel Daniels led the fight to desegregate Arizona's public schools before the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. He became a mentor and role model as the first African American judge in Arizona, serving on the Phoenix Municipal Court.

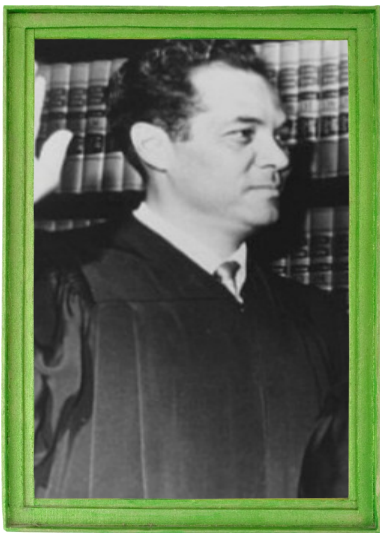
## SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

If you ask any young student to name a famous Justice of the United States Supreme Court, most will tell you the name of Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman ever appointed to our nation's highest court. But to Arizonans, she is so much more than this singular accomplishment. She is one of our own; a former legislator and attorney and a trial and appellate judge in Arizona. She is a role model throughout the world and a tireless advocate for civic education and the rule of law.



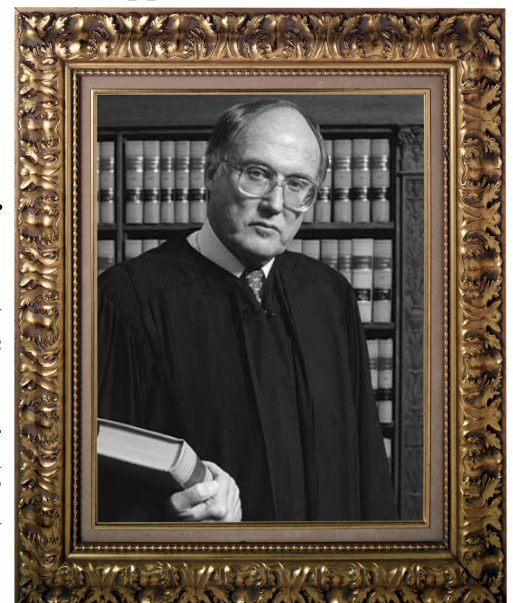
## VALDEMAR CORDOVA

Valdemar Cordova developed his passion for the law as a Prisoner of War in World War II. When he returned to Arizona, he followed his family's tradition of civic leadership to improve the quality of life in the City of Phoenix. Judge Cordova served twice as a Superior Court Judge for Maricopa County. He was the first Hispanic to be appointed to the United States District Court in Arizona.



## WILLIAM REHNQUIST

When he was a small boy, Bill Rehnquist predicted that he would "change the government." This he did, becoming a Justice of the United States Supreme Court and then our nation's Chief Justice. But it all started in Arizona, where William H. Rehnquist established his career and made a name for himself as an outstanding trial lawyer. He left an impact on those he met in Arizona and never lost his affection for our state.



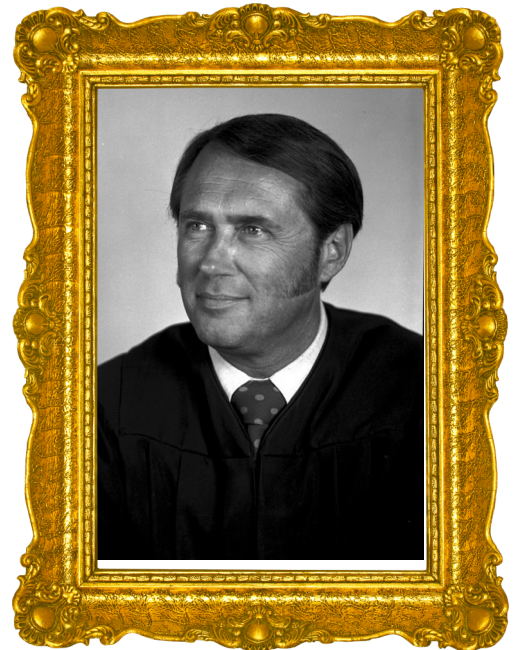


## LORNA LOCKWOOD

Lorna Lockwood dreamed of being a lawyer and a judge like her father. When she decided to study law, the dean had to be persuaded to allow a woman to enroll in law school. She ascended to the bench and not only became the first woman Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona, but was the first woman to hold such a position in any state in the nation. Justice Lockwood did not rest on her laurels; she was a mentor who opened doors for women lawyers throughout the State of Arizona.

## FRANCIS X. GORDON

Chief Justice Francis X. Gordon presided over what is perhaps the biggest constitutional crisis in Arizona's history, the impeachment of sitting Governor Evan Meacham by the Arizona State Legislature. Justice Gordon's poise and dignified manner educated the thousands who watched the televised proceedings about the role of the judiciary. His performance enhanced the stature of the judiciary for generations. In addition, Justice Gordon made major improvements in the judiciary, including initiating the groundbreaking Commission on the Courts, a multi-disciplinary body that made recommendations to improve the court system that are still in place today. Justice Gordon is also credited with being the father of judicial education.



## THOMAS TANG

Thomas Tang knew first-hand the challenges of growing up in a segregated society but he did not let that stop him from a career of giving back. He was the first Asian American to serve as a member of the Phoenix City Council and as President of the State Bar of Arizona. He was a member of the Civil Rights movement in Arizona along with Judge Daniels and Judge Cordova. As a Judge on the Arizona Superior Court, he led the way to progressive changes within the juvenile justice system. When a high-profile media case stirred the community into a frenzy, Judge Tang relied on his judicial ethics to do the right thing, despite great personal cost. He ultimately rose above adversity and became a distinguished judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

